SOCIALIST PARTY

A FORCE TO TAKE ON THE POLITICAL ESTABLISHMENT

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LAUNCHING THE SOCIALIST PARTY

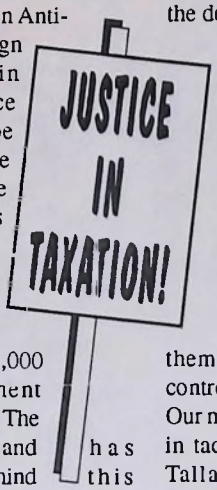
A PROFOUND change is taking place in Ireland. Ordinary people are getting active and exercising their own power.
People are beginning to fill the political vacuum created by the sell out by Labour and Democratic Left. These parties no longer represent the interests of working class people and do not deserve to be called 'left'. Their actions speak louder than their rhetoric.
Militant Labour has changed it's name to the Socialist Party. This name more clearly states what we are. We stand by the socialist principle of defending working class people against those who are intent on running society for profit not peoples needs.
We are a party that is growing in influence on a range of issues. Our party and ordinary people have been at the centre of a lot of the key developments over the last couple of years (see back).
As a start we aim to take on the political establishment in Dublin in next years general election. We are confident that our party will grow and can play an essential role in the building of a mass radical movement of workers, the unemployed and young people over the next years. Come to the rally and hear all about it.

MAKING THE DIFFERENCE

NOTHING SHOWS the class nature of Irish society and the 'organised' inequality that exists better than the fact that while the economy and profits are booming, workers and the unemployed are facing real and drastic cuts in their living standards. It's a simple question of maximising profits at our expense. The government is doing everything in its power to facilitate this robbery. However, people are saying "enough is enough". The Socialist Party is playing an essential role in the fight-back.

• ***Fighting for Justice in Taxation***

The Federation of Dublin Anti-Water Charges Campaign is forcing change in taxation. Local service charges are likely to be abolished and it's possible that there will be some other concessions. This is due to the campaigning work in Dublin and throughout the country. The campaign in Dublin has a membership of 15,000 people. The government simply couldn't ignore it. The Socialist Party initiated and has been the driving force behind this mass movement.



• ***Treatment to tackle the Heroin Crisis***

If serious action is not taken urgently, some communities will collapse under the pressure of the heroin crisis. Past efforts to solve the heroin problem by just blocking the 'supply routes' and going after dealers, won't work. It is the demand for heroin and the market of the dealers that should be the prime focus. Every addict including addict dealers should be provided with treatment and maintenance facilities. This could be done quite easily if there was the political will and if it was a priority. Such a measure would represent a body blow to the dealers as the addicts would no longer be dependent on them. It would give society some control over the problem.

Our members are playing leading roles in tackling the heroin crisis. In east Tallaght, Rathfarnham and Mulhuddart we are organising such treatment for addicts to cut across dealing in the areas.

• ***A Socialist Alternative to the Corrupt Parties***

The most defining moment in politics since the last general election in 1992 was the Dublin West by-election last April. The whole political establishment got a bloody nose. We packed a powerful punch by accurately representing the anger of working class people. Our candidate Joe Higgins winning nearly 25% of the vote hammered Fine Gael, Labour and the PD's and came within a whisker of winning the seat from Fianna Fail. This performance showed that things have changed decisively. There is no reason why the political establishment can't be taken on and beaten. We are now preparing to stand up to five candidates in Dublin in the next election, with a real chance of winning one or possibly more seats.

• ***Defending Workers' Rights***

The Socialist Party organises to defend workers rights in the 'public' and private sectors. In Packard Electric, Cadburys, Dunnes Stores, An Post and other parts of the civil service our members are providing the fighting alternative to company dictates and often inaction by union officials. We also have helped unionise young workers and are currently assisting the workers in dispute at the Royal Dublin Hotel and Irish Ferries.

THE HEROIN CRISIS

It's Your Fight - It's Your Party

The Socialist Party believes that the way this country is run needs to be radically changed. More and more working class people are coming to the same conclusions. We are the only party which has undertaken that task in a serious way. The more members we have the more capable we are of providing a real alternative to the present crisis. The Socialist Party is part of a new international socialist movement with members in more than 30 countries and on every continent. People like you ordinary working class people, are members of our party. How many more reasons do you need. Join us now!

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